GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7351
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
WITHDRAWAL GRANT OF MFN STATUS
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to withdraw the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status granted to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have since taken a decision to grant MFN status to Afghanistan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have, following the December 13 terrorist attack on Indian Parliament, taken diplomatic and other measures considered appropriate and necessary.

(d) & (e) India and Afghanistan had signed a trade agreement on June 24, 1978. According to Article 4 of this agreement, both Governments had accorded to each other MFN treatment in respect of import and export licences, customs, duties and all other charges and taxes applicable to importation, exportation or transit of commodities.